

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that claims 3 and 4 have been allowed (Office Action, dated September 10, 2004, page 2, lines 1-2).

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Presently, Claim 6 has been amended to delete the word "second" from line 8 and to particularly point out and distinctly claim "selectively cooling" as occurring at a "sufficiently fast rate to produce a colored portion while substantially maintaining coloring density of the reversible heat sensitive paper" as supported by Figure 4 and on page 13, line 20, to page 14, line 8, of the disclosure as originally filed. Figure 4 shows that rapid cooling is cooling sufficiently fast that there is no substantial change in coloring density of the reversible heat sensitive paper. Claim 6 is now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

New Claim 8 is similar to the version of claim 6 added to the application by Amendment (A), filed June 20, 2001. The subject matter of new Claim 8 is properly supported by Figure 2, and on page 12, lines 20-23, on page 14, lines 12-21, and on page 17, lines 22-26, of the disclosure as originally filed.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the application.

In view of the present amendment, Applicants believe claims 3, 4, 6 and 8 are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, for all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims.

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Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

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